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Occupied Germany:

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 17 August 1946. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the half month period 16—31 July (Veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases:

One case of relapsing fever was reported from Regierungsbezirk Wiesbaden, the second case of relapsing fever to be reported this year. Both malaria and poliomyelitis have increased by two cases over those reported during the previous week. Diphtheria continues to increase in the Zone as a whole with a slight increase in Greater Hesse, Wuerttemberg-Baden, and US Sector Berlin. Whooping cough has decreased by 75 cases from the high of 846 reported cases during the previous week. The minor outbreaks of paratyphoid fever reported last week have been brought under control. There have been no other significant changes in the incidence of disease during the current week.

Medical Supplies:

The establishing of a central alcohol control authority in each Land in the US Zone is now in progress. Provisions of this plan include allocation by the central authority of sufficient quantities of alcohol to adequately meet medical requirements.

Hospitalization:

Monthly admissions to tuberculosis hospitals in Greater Hesse have been constantly increasing as is evident from the fact that in September 1945 there were 53 admissions and in July 1946 the number had increased to 467, thus greatly increasing the tuberculosis bed problem. A new venereal disease hospital with a capacity of 60 beds, is now in operation in Bad Nauheim, Greater Hesse. Land Bavaria reports that plans have been completed and institutions are being equipped in Landshut for the hospitalization of approximately 300 Sudeten expellee patients. In Land Wuerttemberg-Baden a directive has been issued to the Minister-President for the purpose of providing more adequate hospital facilities in the Land. It directs the appointment of a committee to study more efficient utilization of existing hospital space and also to take action toward enlarging the present bed capacity as it is indicated that an additional 10,000 beds are needed before the onset of winter. Also, in Wuerttemberg-Baden a request has been made for the transfer of the Third US Army Internee Hospital No. 4 in Bad Mergentheim to MG supervision since the hospital is in excellent condition and at present only a small percentage of beds are occupied.

Nutrition:

There has been a general improvement in the hospital ration status in Wuerttemberg-Baden during the past few weeks with most of the hospitals now drawing their authorized food supplement. Many had not previously received these due to administrative difficulties and misunderstandings on the part of local food offices.

Animal Diseases:

The trends of animal diseases are not significant as can be seen by a comparison with the three preceding periods. The most prevalent diseases are swine erysipelas, foot-and-mouth disease, fowl plague, and scabies of horses.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 17 August 1946

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																				c: Cases	d: Deaths						
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever			Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza
TOTAL US Zone	16,679,390	c	—	1	—	—	—	—	807	169	746	131	769	4	20	2783	830	152	48	36	5	—	16	2486	—	2	32	22	130	
		P	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	141	14	2	3	1	—	—	13	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mainfranken	935,625	P	—	—	—	—	—	35	3	3	22	4	17	—	—	64	34	10	4	2	—	—	—	145	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	P	—	—	—	—	—	82	17	61	1	81	—	—	1	301	100	37	24	2	1	—	—	528	—	2	3	—	8	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	P	—	—	—	—	—	61	10	43	5	73	—	—	—	213	69	17	—	2	1	—	—	480	—	—	1	—	7	
Schwaben	1,040,631	P	—	—	—	—	—	41	10	35	4	108	—	—	—	124	65	14	1	—	—	—	—	117	—	—	—	—	8	
Oberbayern	2,160,916	P	—	—	—	—	—	81	14	113	18	122	—	2	1	349	85	9	1	3	—	—	—	258	—	—	6	—	73	
Kassel	1,153,323	P	—	—	—	—	—	54	20	58	21	72	—	—	—	187	47	6	1	—	—	—	—	145	—	—	2	—	10	
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	P	—	1	—	—	—	79	19	76	9	69	—	—	2	476	141	5	10	1	—	—	—	29	—	—	4	—	—	
Hessen	1,178,132	P	—	—	—	—	—	61	11	71	6	48	—	—	1	186	30	—	—	—	1	—	16	176	—	—	—	22	5	
Baden	1,249,127	P	—	—	—	—	—	75	20	65	11	69	—	1	4	225	43	3	—	4	—	—	—	368	—	—	—	—	—	
Württemberg	2,044,156	P	—	—	—	—	—	108	25	73	11	108	—	—	8	299	77	29	4	2	2	—	—	99	—	—	2	—	18	
Bremen Port Command	478,106	P	—	—	—	—	—	40	8	36	13	2	—	—	3	126	33	4	2	—	—	—	—	141	—	—	1	—	—	
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	P	—	—	—	—	—	90	12	93	28	+	+	1	—	233	106	18	1	20	—	—	+	+	—	—	13	+	+	

a) Bremen included in totals.

+ No data submitted.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 17 August 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																									
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Bavaria	8,169,731	c	—	—	—	—	—	300	54	274	32	401	2	2	1051	353	87	29	9	2	—	—	1528	—	2	10	—	97
Greater Hesse	3,793,452	c	—	—	—	—	—	194	50	205	36	189	—	—	3	849	218	11	12	1	1	—	16	350	—	6	22	15
Württemberg Baden	3,293,283	c	—	—	—	—	—	183	45	138	22	177	1	12	524	120	32	4	6	2	—	—	467	—	—	2	—	18
Bremen Port Command	478,106	c	—	—	—	—	—	40	8	36	13	2	—	3	126	33	4	2	—	—	—	—	141	—	—	1	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	c	—	—	—	—	—	90	12	93	28	—	1	—	232	106	18	1	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,169,731		—	—	—	—	—	—	19.08	3.43	17.43	2.03	25.50	.13	.13	66.84	22.45	5.53	1.84	.57	.13	—	—	97.18	—	.13	.64	—	6.17
Greater Hesse	3,793,452		—	—	—	—	—	—	26.60	6.85	28.10	4.93	25.91	—	.41	116.40	29.89	1.51	1.64	.14	.14	—	2.19	47.98	—	—	.82	3.02	2.06
Württemberg- Baden	3,293,283		—	—	—	—	—	—	28.89	7.10	21.79	3.47	27.95	.16	.16	82.74	18.95	5.05	.63	.95	.31	—	—	73.74	—	—	.31	—	2.84
Bremen Port Command	478,106		—	—	—	—	—	—	43.50	8.70	39.15	14.14	2.17	—	—	3.26	137.04	35.89	4.35	2.17	—	—	—	135.35	—	—	1.09	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818		—	—	—	—	—	—	49.54	6.60	51.19	15.41	+	.55	—	128.24	58.34	0.91	.55	11.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.15	+	+

+ No data submitted

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 17 August 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
Total US Zone	a) 16,679,390	—	.03	—	—	—	—	25.18	5.27	23.27	4.09	23.99	.12	.62	86.83	25.90	4.74	1.50	1.12	.16	—	.50	77.56	—	.06	1.00	.69	4.06
Mainfranken	935,625	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.45	1.67	12.23	2.22	9.45	—	—	35.57	18.90	5.56	2.22	1.11	—	—	80.55	—	—	—	—	—	.55
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,166,033	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.69	4.08	14.65	.24	19.45	—	.24	72.27	24.01	8.88	5.76	.48	.24	—	116.77	—	.48	.72	—	1.92	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,866,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.99	2.79	11.98	1.39	20.34	—	—	59.34	19.22	4.74	—	.56	.28	—	133.73	—	—	.28	—	1.95	
Schwaben	1,040,631	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.49	5.00	17.49	2.00	53.97	—	—	61.96	32.45	6.99	—	—	—	—	58.46	—	—	—	—	4.00	
Oberbayern	2,160,916	—	—	—	—	—	—	19.49	3.37	27.19	4.33	29.35	.48	.24	83.99	20.45	2.16	.24	.72	—	—	42.07	—	—	1.44	—	17.56	
Kassel	1,153,323	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.35	9.02	26.15	9.47	32.46	—	—	84.32	21.19	2.70	.45	—	—	—	65.38	—	—	.90	—	4.51	
Wiesbaden	1,461,997	—	.35	—	—	—	—	28.10	6.76	27.03	3.20	24.54	—	.71	169.31	50.15	1.78	3.56	.35	—	—	10.31	—	—	1.42	—	—	
Hessen	1,178,132	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.92	4.85	31.34	2.65	21.19	—	.44	82.10	13.24	—	.44	—	.44	—	7.06	77.69	—	—	9.71	2.21	
Baden	1,249,127	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.22	8.33	27.06	4.58	28.72	.42	1.66	93.67	17.90	1.25	—	1.66	—	—	153.20	—	—	—	—	—	
Württemberg	2,044,156	—	—	—	—	—	—	27.47	6.36	18.57	2.80	27.47	—	2.03	76.06	19.59	7.38	1.02	.51	.51	—	25.18	—	—	.51	—	4.58	
Bremen Port Command	478,106	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.50	8.70	39.15	14.14	2.17	—	3.26	131.04	35.89	4.35	2.17	—	—	—	153.35	—	—	1.09	—	—	
Berlin (US Sector)	944,818	—	—	—	—	—	—	49.54	6.60	51.19	15.41	+	.55	—	128.24	58.34	9.91	0.55	11.01	—	—	+	—	—	7.15	+	+	

a) Bremen included. + No data submitted.
(Rates Expressed as per 10,000 per Annum).

APPENDIX "D" Incidence of communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone of Germany for period 16-31 July 1946

(Summarized from Semi-monthly Reports of Regierungsbezirkstierärzte)

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Regierungsbezirk	Anthrax	Blackleg	Cholera of pigs	Cholera of fowl	Coital vesicular exanthema of cattle	Contagious pleuropneumonia of cattle	Dourine of horses	Encephalomyelitis of pigs	Encephalomyelitis of horses	Erysipelas of pigs	Foot-and-mouth disease	Glanders	Infectious abortion of cattle	Infectious abortion of sheep	Infectious anemia of horses	Malignant edema of cattle	Plague of fowls	Pox of sheep	Rabies	Scabies of cattle	Scabies of horses	Scabies of sheep	Strangles of horses	Trichomoniasis of cattle	Tuberculosis of cattle	Piroplasmosis of cattle
TOTAL US ZONE			7		4				3	452	242	7	6		9	2	185			1	117	3			4	3
TOTAL US ZONE			10	36	3				7	672	129	2	92		10	2	241				161	3			4	8
TOTAL US ZONE	2	1	7						3	615	134	8	85		9		185			2	113	3			4	2
TOTAL US ZONE	1		5							1015	26	2	8		13		79				104	1		1	4	
LAND BAVARIA	1		5							513		1	6		5		79				96			1		
Mainfranken										86					2						3					
Ober- & Mittelfranken	1									138					1		5				2					
Nied. Bay'n & Oberpfalz			5							148		1					25				80					
Schwaben										52					2						2			1		
Oberbayern										89			6				49				9					
LAND GREATER HESSE																					2	1				
Kassel										326	226		1		7						2					
Wiesbaden										138			1		1						1					
Wiesbaden										66	226				4						1					
Hessen															2							1				
LAND WUERTTEMBERG-BADEN																										
Baden									3	176			1		1						4				4	
Württemberg										76			1								4				4	
BREMEN ENCLAVE									3	100					1											
BERLIN DIST. (US Sector)												1														

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